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SUBJECT: BAHRAIN: ATTENDANCE AT SUDAN'S NATIONAL UNITY
GOVERNMENT INSTALLATION

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1. (U) Pol/Econ chief July 6 delivered reftel demarche concerning attendance at Sudan's national unity government installation to MFA Assistant Under Secretary for Coordination and Follow Up Shaikh Abdul Aziz bin Mubarak Al Khalifa. Shaikh Abdul Aziz affirmed that a representative of the Bahraini government would attend the inauguration July 9 in Khartoum. He said either an MFA representative from Manama or the Bahraini Ambassador in Cairo would attend.

2. (U) In a related development, Shaikh Abdul Aziz said that the Forum for the Future (FfF) Steering Committee had debated at its May 10 meeting whether to invite the Sudanese government to the FfF conference, to be held November 11-12, 2005 in Manama. Given the positive developments, he said that the co-hosts, Bahrain and the UK, intended to invite the Sudanese government to the Forum.

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